AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Upon entry of the present amendment, the status of the claims will be as is shown below. This listing of claims replaces all previous versions and listings of claims in the present application.

Listing of Claims:

1 – 12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended)   An information processing device, comprising:

a DRAM having a burst mode which burst-transfers data of successive column addresses;

at least one or more data processing [[units]] unit operable to issue an access request; and

an address conversion unit operable to convert access addresses which are included in the access request issued from said at least one or more data processing [[units]] unit,

wherein at least one of said at least one or more data processing [[units]] unit is operable to access an M × N rectangular area, where M and N are integers,

said address conversion unit is operable to convert access addresses so that a column address of data at [[the]] a (K+m)th column, where K and m are integers and m≤M, of an Lth line, and a column address of data at a Kth column of an (L+n)th line, where L and n are integers and n≤N, become successive, and

~~some or all areas~~ at least one area of said DRAM is a frame memory which stores

image data, the rectangular area is M pixels × N lines in the image data, and said at least

one data processing ~~units are~~ unit is operable to perform one of motion compensation and

motion estimation, where n=2n' and n' is an integer.

14. (Currently Amended)   The information processing device according to Claim 13,

wherein another ~~one of said~~ data processing [[units]] unit is operable to access the

image data on a line basis, and to continuously read out data of all 2n lines.

15. (Currently Amended)   The information processing device according to Claim 13,

wherein said at least one data processing unit is operable to decode an inputted

stream on a basis of at least two ~~or more~~ macroblocks, by motion compensation,

said DRAM is operable to store the image data decoded by said data processing

unit,

said information processing device further comprises:

a memory featuring a smaller storage capacity and a faster access speed

than said DRAM;

a data transfer unit operable to transfer the data from said DRAM to said

memory, and

said at least one data processing unit is operable to access the image data

stored in said DRAM as reference data.

16. (Previously Presented)   The information processing device according to Claim 15,

wherein the image data stored in said DRAM is split into transfer regions larger in size than the rectangular area, and

said data transfer unit is operable to transfer data on a transfer region basis from said DRAM to said memory, based on the access request from said data processing unit.

17. (Currently Amended)   The information processing device according to Claim 15,

wherein said data transfer unit is operable to transfer a minimum area which surrounds plural rectangular areas as a transfer region as data from said DRAM to said memory, based on an access request from said at least one data processing unit.

18. (Previously Presented)   The information processing device according to Claim 16,

wherein said data transfer unit includes a register which holds a size of the transfer region.

19. (Currently Amended)   The information processing device according to Claim 16,

wherein said data transfer unit is operable to transfer the data from said DRAM to said memory when a predetermined number n1 of access requests are outputted from said at least one data processing unit.

20. (Currently Amended)   The information processing device according to Claim 19,

wherein said data transfer unit includes a register which holds the size of the transfer region and the predetermined number n1.

21. (Currently Amended)   The information processing device according to Claim 16,

wherein said data transfer unit is operable to transfer the transfer region which includes all rectangular areas, from said DRAM to said memory when access requests from said at least one data processing unit request the rectangular areas which are adjacent or overlapping.

22. (Currently Amended)   The information processing device according to Claim 16,

wherein said at least one data processing unit includes:

a motion vector estimation unit operable to estimate plural motion vectors corresponding to plural macroblocks from [[the]] an inputted stream; and

a decoding unit operable to decode the inputted stream on a macroblock basis, and to store a decoding result into said DRAM,

wherein a decoding sequence of the macroblocks is changed based on the plural motion vectors so that addresses for accessing said DRAM become successive.

23. (Currently Amended)   A data access method for accessing a rectangular area made up of M pixels × N lines in image data from a DRAM, the DRAM having a burst mode which burst-transfers data of continuous column addresses, and storing the image data, [[said]] the data access method comprising:

an input step of inputting an access request for the rectangular area; and

an address converting step of converting access addresses included in [[an]] the access request issued in said access step,

wherein ~~in said address converting step,~~ the addresses are converted so that a column address of data at [[the]] a (K+m)th column, where K and m are integers and m≤M, of the Lth line, and a column address of the data at the Kth column of the (L+n) line, where L and n are integers and n≤N, become successive, and

~~some or all areas~~ at least one area of said DRAM [[being]] is a frame memory which stores image data and the rectangular area [[being]] is M pixels × N lines in the image data, where M and N are integers, and a data processing unit ~~performing~~ performs motion compensation and motion estimation, where n=2n' ~~(n' is an integer)~~ and n' is an integer.

24. (Previously Presented)   The information processing device according to Claim 17, wherein said data transfer unit is operable to transfer the data from said DRAM to said memory when a predetermined number n1 of access requests are outputted from said data processing unit.

25. (Previously Presented)   The information processing device according to Claim 24, wherein said data transfer unit includes a register which holds the size of the transfer region and the number n1.

26. (Previously Presented)   The information processing device according to Claim 17, wherein said data transfer unit is operable to transfer the transfer region which includes all rectangular areas, from said DRAM to said memory when access requests

from said data processing unit request the rectangular areas which are adjacent or overlapping.